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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-B204
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* in WC Docket Nos. 02-60, 17-310

Madam Secretary:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, we hereby provide notice of an oral *ex parte* presentation in connection with the above-captioned proceedings. On Thursday, April 5, 2018, John Windhausen, Executive Director of the Schools, Health & Libraries Broadband (SHLB) Coalition, and undersigned counsel, met with the following individuals with the Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB): Trent Harkrader, Associate Bureau Chief, Radhika Karmarkar, Deputy Division Chief, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, and legal advisors Regina Brown, Dana Bradford, Soumitra Das, Preston Wise, and Carol Pomponio (attending telephonically).

The purpose of our meetings was to discuss the SHLB Coalition's comments in response to the current Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order in the Rural Health Care (RHC) program.¹ We also discussed SHLB's recently filed emergency petition for waiver of the Rural Health Care Program funding cap, pending completion of the RHC rulemaking.² Our discussion points were consistent with SHLB's comments and the arguments put forth in the petition.

Sincerely,



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¹ *Promoting Telehealth in Rural America*, WC Docket No. 17-310, [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order](#), FCC 17-164 (Dec. 18, 2017) (*NPRM & Order*).

² See SHLB Coalition, *Emergency Petition For Waiver of The Rural Health Care Program Funding Cap Pending Conclusion Of The Open Rulemaking*, WC Docket Nos. 02-60, 17-310, filed April 3, 2018, <https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/10403964016004/SHLB%20Emergency%20Petition%20for%20Waiver%20of%20RHC%20cap%20--%20FINAL.pdf>.